



**Public Hearing Testimony of
Sharon Palmer, Commissioner
Department of Labor
Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Good Afternoon Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 908, AA Allowing Employers to Pay Wages Using Payroll Cards**. My name is Heidi Lane and I am here to testify on behalf of Sharon Palmer, Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

The proposed bill before this Committee does not represent the ideal scenario for the use of payroll cards in the State of Connecticut. However, the Department of Labor has been working with the proponents of this legislation in order to craft a bill that would provide the proper safeguards for workers while at the same time allowing the flexibility and payment methods for employers that they seek.

The Department of Labor looks forward to continued discussions with Committee members and all interested parties in order to develop fair payroll card policy for all of Connecticut's residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I am available to answer any questions you may have.